



# COVID 19 situational and Public Health response update

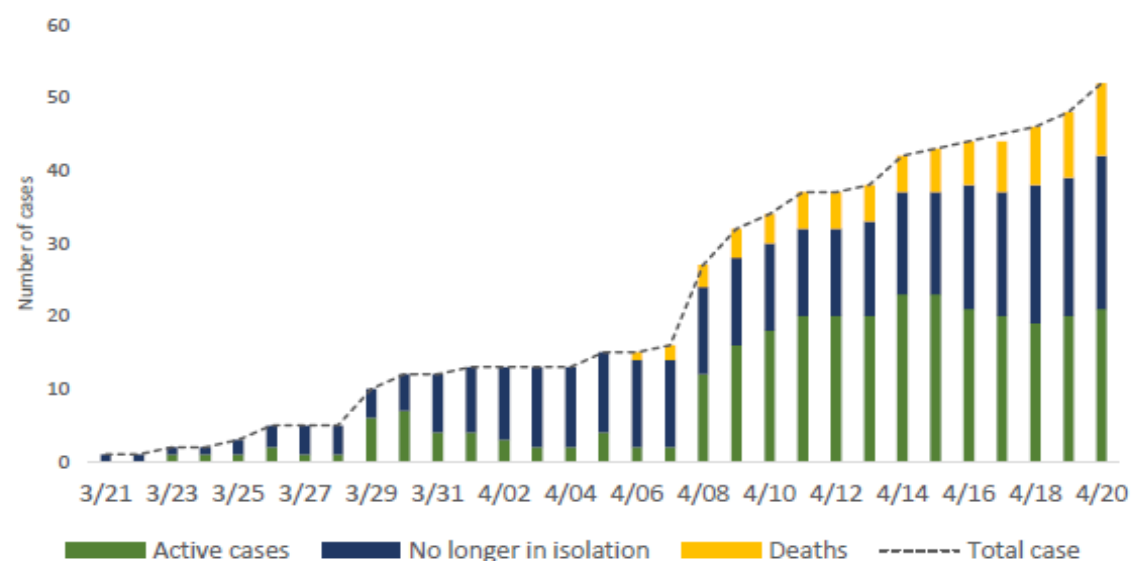
St. Louis County Covid-19 case summary									Age		Cases no longer in isolation		
Case totals	Active cases	Male	Female	Cases requiring hospitalization	Currently hospitalized	Currently in ICU	Deaths	Cases reporting contact with a lab-confirmed case	Median	Range	Total	Median days in isolation	Range
52	21	17	35	12	3	1	10	14	63 years	23 - 94 years	21	10 days	7 - 25 days

Hospitalized cases	Median age	Range
	80 years old	62 to 92 years old
Deaths	Median age	Range
	83 years old	62 to 92 years old

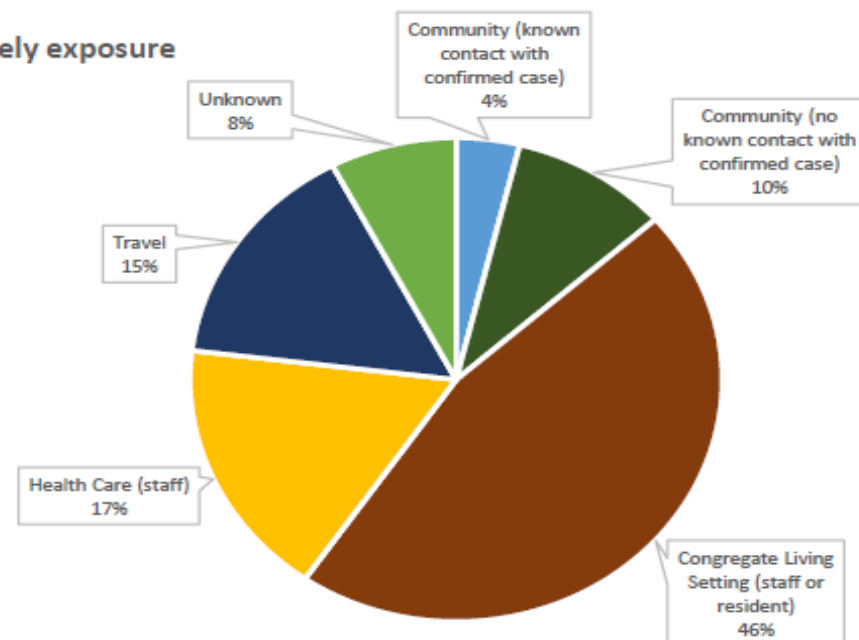
### Congregate Care Facilities with at least One Resident or Staff Member with a Positive Covid-19 Result

- Superior View APTS
- St. Ann's

### St. Louis County Case Overview



### Likely exposure



# Planning and Response: Isolation and quarantine assurances (MN Stat 144.419)

- Essential services
  - Shelter (4)
  - Transportation
  - Food
  - Medication
- Partners
  - Emergency Management
  - Safety and Risk Management
  - Auditor's office
  - Attorney's office
  - Community
    - CHUM
    - AEOA



# Planning and Response: Community outreach

- Isolation and Quarantine Nurse Consultation
- Liaisons assigned to stakeholders
  - Congregate care settings
  - LTCF/Assisted living facilities
  - Schools
  - Shelters
  - Cities/townships
- Information line
- Volunteer registry coordination and requests



# Planning and Response: Partnership with MDH and healthcare systems

## Long term care facilities

- Prevention
  - Infection control outreach and assessment
  - MDH Health Regulation Division – Infection Control Assessment
- Control
  - Rapid Response Team
  - Local healthcare systems



# A few additional considerations for PHHS

- COVID has required a complete transformation in how we deliver our critical/essential services
- Waivers from DHS, the availability of technology and the flexibility and creativity of our staff and clients allows us to continue to deliver core services, just in different ways
- Continue to review volume and trends to assess current methods of service delivery and plan for peak increases post-COVID or sheltering scenarios



# Example: Public Assistance new applications

- 2020 vs same time frame in 2019 showed increase in new applications and method of submission shifted from in person to online and phone calls
- Drop in total SNAP/Cash/Emergency applications over last year; likely due people not closing for benefits due to DHS Waivers approved

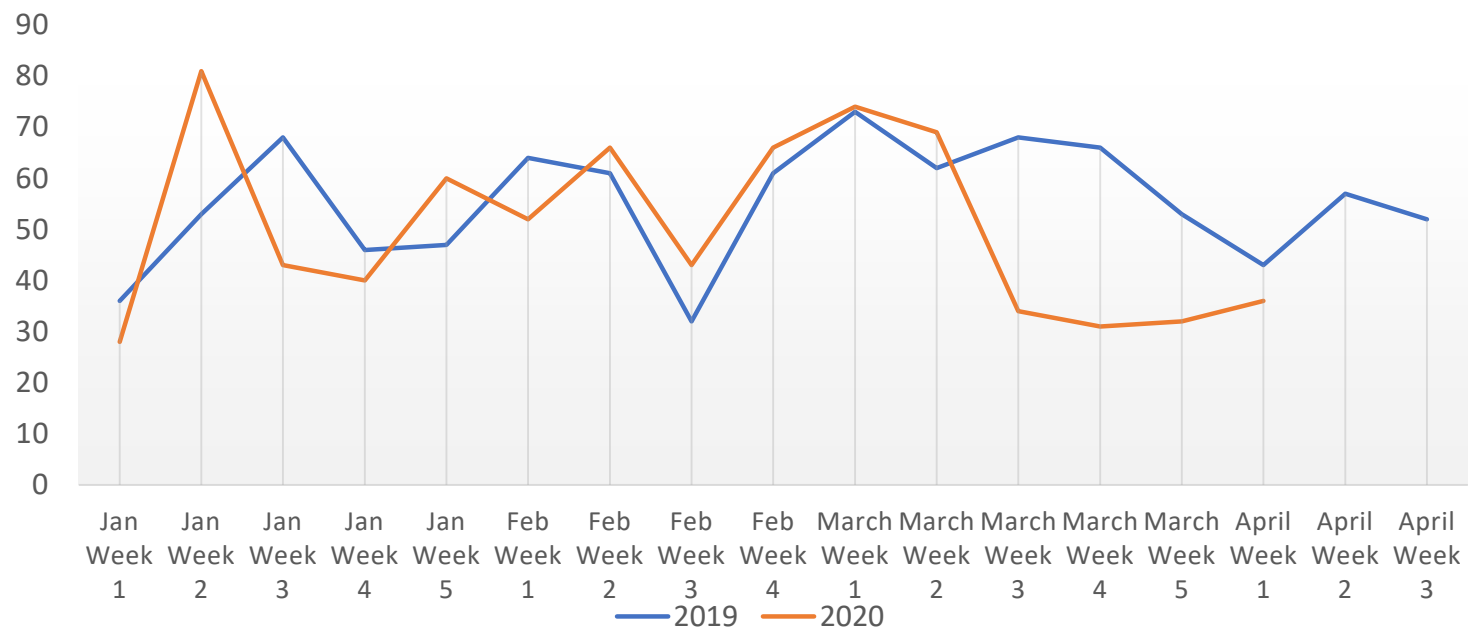
Data from 3/16-4/6	2019	2020
New SNAP/CASH/Emergency applications	509	618
All applications (new and renewals)		
online	111	507
Mailed/faxed/dropbox	1237	562
Total Applications	1348	1069
New Healthcare applications		
METS applications	229	201
MAXIS applications	279	336
Total Healthcare applications	508	537
Call Center info		
# of calls	8879	9718
Avg wait time	3:51	3:50



# Example: Child Protection Assessments

- Concern about significant decrease of screened in assessments as we work to ensure child safety and wellbeing
- Corresponds to significant reduction in mandated reporters having in person contact with children; comparable to other times when school is off (winter break 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Feb)
- Anticipate continued gradual growth and rebound in maltreatment reports and resulting assessments post-COVID sheltering

Child Protection Assessments by Worker





# PHHS COVID Financial Considerations

## Revenue

- 43% budget funded by Property Tax Levy
- 52% funded by Intergovernmental Revenue
- Some loss in charges for grant funds that cover staff; COVID increase in Local Public Health grant (\$192,671 received)
- New I & Q costs will be largely covered in April by State grant (\$361,969 awarded); will continue monthly applications for costs and documentation to maximize FEMA eligibility
- Working closely across Social Services to maximize documentation for targeted case management revenue and expect flat to increase in these revenue categories
- Federal Financial Participation 6.2% increase in reimbursement (from 50% to 56.2% effective April 1, will result in increased Federal Revenue estimated at new revenue of \$700-\$900,000/year

## Expenses

- Majority of positions funded between 40-60% by Intergovernmental Revenues
- Due to state mandates and other contractual relationships will need to prioritize filling certain positions
- Closely monitoring vacancy factor as delay in filling positions; cancellation of summer internship program
- Reviewing purchased service expenses and expect flat to decline due to availability of community contracted services
- Reduction in travel-related operating expenses for staff as well as in purchase of bus passes
- Will continue reviewing all 2020 costs closely as well as preparing for 2021 budget
- Significant Legislation in play that could have impacts (unresolved SUD reform from 2019 continues to have unclear impacts to counties, for example)

